

RAISED BILL: SB-1098

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE

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Dear Members of the Committee on Education,

My name is Kate Littler, and I'm a sophomore at Ledyard High School, and I write to you concerning the funding of schools and education in our state. I support Bill SB-1098 because it would conduct a study on education in Connecticut, and I believe that there should be focus on the funding of public education in the report.

From a 2020-2021 report on school district expenditures, districts in Connecticut received anywhere from about \$9,000 to \$43,000 dollars per pupil expenditure, (PPE), in state/local funding. Although some districts will absolutely need more than others, this is a huge gap that may cause inequality in quality of education throughout the state. If this study can show that there are unfair inequalities in public education in Connecticut, districts in need can be assisted. As a student coming from a school district with some of the lowest funding in Eastern Connecticut, it's difficult to not always have basic materials or products available to you.

This bill is important for making sure that all students in Connecticut have access to the best education possible by having proper funding, and bill SB-1098 can help. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

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